EPISODE 12
'BIG STRONG HENRY'
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SCENE 1. EXT. COUNTRYSIDE RUNBYS - DAY. FROSTY.	**STORYTELLER**
THOMAS, EMILY and PERCY chuff past.	Winter was coming to the island of Sodor. Everyone was getting ready for the cold weather. Thomas and Emily delivered coal, Percy collected trucks of firewood….
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SCENE 2. EXT. FARMER MCCOLL'S FARM - DAY. FROSTY.	
FARMER MCCOLL and MEN, building.	…and Farmer McColl was building a shed for his cows, to keep them warm.
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SCENE 3. EXT. TIDMOUTH SHEDS - DAY. FROSTY.	
HENRY and GORDON listen to the FAT CONTROLLER	"Farmer McColl needs lots of bricks, iron and concrete," boomed the Fat Controller. "I need a strong engine to fetch them." "Can I do it, sir?" puffed Henry. "You're not as strong as I am," puffed Gordon. "I'll do the job, sir!" Gordon and Henry were almost the same size. But Gordon always boasted he was the strongest.
The FAT CONTROLLER thinks.	The Fat Controller thought for a moment. "Yes Gordon, you can do it," said the Fat Controller. "Henry, you can deliver the

	empty trucks."
HENRY's crestfallen. GORDON smiles.	"Empty trucks?" wheeshed Henry. He *was* disappointed.
THOMAS, EMILY and PERCY comfort HENRY.	"Never mind Henry," tooted Thomas. "We know you're big and strong!"
PERCY edges forward…	"You could pull ten trucks of sand, couldn't you?" peeped Percy.
	"Yes… I could!" chuffed Henry, a little worried.
EMILY edges forward…	"You could pull twenty trucks of coal!" wheeshed Emily.
	"I suppose so…" hooted Henry.
THOMAS edges forward…	"You could pull fifty trucks!" wheeshed Thomas. "Of iron and steel! Because you're Big Strong Henry!"
	"Big strong Henry?" huffed Gordon. "I'll believe that when I see it!"
They all look at HENRY. He looks nervous. GORDON chuffs in.	"You will see it!" tooted Thomas.
THOMAS chuffs past GORDON, blows smoke in his face. HENRY looks really worried.	"Pah!" Gordon wheezed grandly. And he set off to fetch the bricks, concrete and iron for Farmer McColl.
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SCENE 4. EXT. COUNTRYSIDE RUNBYS - DAY. FROSTY.	
HENRY trundles along with empty trucks.	Henry delivered his empty trucks. "How can I show Gordon that I'm big and strong?" he steamed sadly.
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SCENE 5. EXT. COUNTRYSIDE RUNBYS – DAY. FROSTY	

HENRY passes PERCY taking on water. In a siding is a line of trucks containing *haybales*. SFX: GORDON'S WHISTLE HENRY can't resist. GORDON chuffs in. GORDON chuffs off. PERCY smiles… HENRY smiles too.	"Look Henry!" puffed Percy. "If Gordon sees you pull five trucks of haybales, he'll see how strong you are!" Henry backed up. He pulled the haybales in and out of the sidings. "Look how strong Henry is, Gordon!" peeped Percy. "Put those trucks back!" Gordon wheeshed. "Those haybales are for Farmer McColl's cows. I am collecting them later!" "He's jealous," puffed Percy. "He's not as strong as you are!" Henry smiled.
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SCENE 6. EXT. COUNTRYSIDE RUNBYS – DAY. FROSTY.	
HENRY chuffs along.	"I like being Big Strong Henry," Henry thought.
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SCENE 7. EXT. COUNTRYSIDE RUNBYS – DAY. FROSTY	
HENRY passes EMILY. She is stopped at a signal. In a siding, more haybale-piled trucks. SFX: GORDON'S WHISTLE	"Look, Henry!" puffed Emily. "Here are ten trucks of haybales!" Henry backed up. He pulled and pulled… He pulled the haybales out of the sidings! "Well done!" chuffed Emily. "I told you not to pull my trucks of

GORDON chuffs past.	haybales!" wheeshed Gordon as he steamed past. "He's just jealous!" chuffed Emily.
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SCENE 8. EXT. COUNTRYSIDE RUNBYS – DAY. FROSTY.	
HENRY chuffs along. Smiling broadly now.	
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SCENE 9. EXT. SIDINGS AT TOP OF HILL – DAY. FROSTY	
HENRY passes THOMAS taking on coal. REVEAL twenty trucks, all piled with haystacks. SFX: GORDON'S WHISTLE HENRY backs up to the trucks. Pulls… HENRY applies brakes… with no effect. HENRY's propelled downhill at terrific speed… INTERCUT WITH GORDON'S HILL	"Look, Henry!" tooted Thomas. "There are twenty trucks!" "Here comes Gordon!" whistled Thomas. "And here comes Big Strong Henry!" hooted Henry. Then there was trouble. The trucks were very heavy. Once Henry had started them rolling, they wouldn't stop! "Help!" cried Henry.
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SCENE 10. EXT. BOTTOM OF HILL – DAY. FROSTY.	
HENRY derails. Haybales tumble everywhere. He lies there, mournful.	Edward brought Rocky, to lift Henry back onto the track.

EDWARD pulls ROCKY in. The FAT CONTROLLER arrives in his car. HENRY chuffs off sadly. GORDON passes smugly.	Then the Fat Controller arrived. "Henry!" boomed the Fat Controller. "Take those haybales back to where you found them! One truck at a time!" "Yes, sir," wheeshed Henry sadly.
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SCENE 11. EXT. COUNTRYSIDE RUNBYS – DAY. FROSTY.	
HENRY sadly pulls a solitary truck.	Henry had never felt so miserable.
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SCENE 12. EXT. COUNTRYSIDE RUNBYS – DAY. FROSTY.	
GORDON delivers trucks. The new shed is complete. The FAT CONTROLLER stands by FARMER MCCOLL. GORDON proudly chuffs off.	Gordon had delivered the last truck to Farmer McColl's new shed. "Now Gordon!" boomed the Fat Controller. "Bring Farmer McColl's cows to their new shed!"
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SCENE 13. EXT. COUNTRYSIDE RUNBY – DAY.	
MEN herd COWS into GORDON's trucks. Puffing steam, GORDON sets off… MEN wave frantically at GORDON… but he's gone.	Farmer McColl's men herded the cows into Gordon's trucks. Gordon was feeling very proud of himself. "Pah! Poor old Henry!" he laughed. "He's not Big Strong Henry at all." Gordon set off. He was laughing so much, he didn't see that the door to one of his trucks wasn't shut properly!

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SCENE 14. EXT. COUNTRYSIDE RUNBY – DAY. FROSTY	
HENRY waits at a signal. Up chuffs GORDON. REVEAL COWS emerging out of GORDON's trucks! COWS have surrounded GORDON, mooing. HENRY chuffs slowly off…	"Hello Henry," whistled Gordon. "Hello Gordon," hooted Henry. And then he noticed something. "All the cows are leaving your trucks, Gordon!" Henry puffed. "Oh no!" wheeshed Gordon. "What am I going to do?!" Then Henry saw something else! Some of the cows were eating the haybale on his truck. Suddenly an idea flew into Henry's funnel!
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SCENE 15. EXT. COUNTRYSIDE RUNBY – DAY. FROSTY.	
HENRY chuffs slowly past… PAN to reveal COWS at end of track, in the act of following HENRY!	Henry chuffed slowly along. The hungry cows followed him. They wanted to eat the hay from his truck!
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SCENE 16. EXT. FARMER MCCOLL'S FARM – DAY. FROSTY.	
HENRY chuffs to a halt. He's surrounded by COWS. FARMER MCCOLL watches.	They followed Henry all the way to their new shed! Father McColl was very pleased!
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SCENE 17. EXT. COUNTRYSIDE RUNBY – DAY. FROSTY.	
GORDON fumes. A single COW grazes in front of him.	
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SCENE 18. EXT. TIDMOUTH SHEDS – NIGHT. FROSTY.	
THOMAS, PERCY, EMILY chat to HENRY. We widen to reveal GORDON listening alongside.	That night, Thomas, Percy and Emily came to see Henry. "We're sorry we got you into trouble," Thomas tooted. "I shouldn't have pretended to be Big Strong Henry" hooted Henry. "You may not be Big Strong Henry," whistled Emily. "But you really are Very Helpful Henry!" Henry smiled. "Even the strongest engine needs a little help sometimes," chuffed Henry. "Don't you think, Gordon?" Gordon's face went as red as a signal.
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